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SUBJECT: U.S. PARTICIPATION REQUESTED IN GERMAN
MEDICAL CONFERENCE

1. ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE ARBEITSKREIS MEDIZIN-
PUBLIZISTEN, DR. RAINER FLOEHL, SCIENCE EDITOR OF
FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG, IS HELPING
TO ORGANIZE A SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE ON "QUALITY CONTROL
IN MEDICINE." IT IS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 9-10 AT
THE CREST HOTEL NEAR THE FRANKFURT AIRPORT.

2. THE CONCEPT OF THIS PROGRAM WAS INSPIRED BY A
SYMPOSIUM HELD IN WASHINGTON, D.C. BY THE NATIONAL
ACADEMY OF SCIENCES (INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE). THE
PAPERS OF THAT MEETING WERE PUBLISHED IN NOVEMBER 1976
IN A REPORT ENTITLED "ASSESSING QUALITY IN HEALTH CARE,
AN EVALUATION."

3. CONFERENCE DETAILS FOLLOW: JOINT SPONSORS ARE THE
GERMAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS (DEUTSCHE GESELLSCHAFT FUER
CHIRURGIE) AND THE ASSOCIATION OF WRITERS ON MEDICINE
(ARBEITSKREIS MEDIZINPUBLIZISTEN). PARTICIPANTS WILL
INCLUDE PROFS. SCHEPA AND JUNGHANS, PRESIDENT AND
GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE GERMAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.
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AMONG THE DUTCH PARTICIPANTS ARE PROF. GERITT DEN OTTER,
CHAIRMAN, COLLEGIUM CHIRURGICUM, FREE UNIVERSITY, AM-
STERDAM, AND DR. SIMONS, AMELO, CHAIRMAN, COMMISSION FOR
THE INTERCOLLEGIATE SUPERVISION OF GENERAL HOSPITALS.

4. FLOEHL WOULD LIKE TO INVITE TWO AMERICANS TO PAR-
TICIPATE IN THE FRANKFURT PROGRAM. HE HAS REQUESTED

OUR ASSISTANCE IN RECRUITING THEM, AND WE WOULD LIKE
TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO THIS REQUEST.

5. THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVES ARE EXPECTED TO LECTURE
(ABOUT 1 HOUR EACH) ON A SUBJECT OF THEIR CHOICE
RELATING TO THE PROBLEM OF QUALITY CONTROL IN SURGERY,
INTERIOR MEDICINE, HOSPITALS, AND PRIVATE PRACTICE.
TWO GERMAN AND TWO DUTCH SPECIALISTS WILL DO LIKEWISE.
ACCORDING TO FLOEHL, NO OTHER COUNTRY HAS PROGRESSED
SUFFICIENTLY IN RESEARCH ON THE SUBJECT TO MERIT
ADDITIONAL INVITATIONS.

6. WHILE INVITED PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE ALL EXPENSES
PAID, FLOEHL HOLDS THE VIEW THAT AN HONORARIUM IS NOT
CUSTOMARY AT SCHOLARLY CONVENTIONS AND THEREFORE HAS
NOT BEEN CONTEMPLATED.

7. EMBASSY WILL APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT CONSULTING WITH
U.S. MEDICAL AUTHORITIES AND ENCOURAGING AMERICAN
PARTICIPATION IN THIS CONFERENCE. DEPARTMENT MAY WANT
TO SUGGEST THAT MEDICAL AUTHORITIES CORRESPOND DIRECTLY
WITH DR. FLOEHL; HOWEVER, COMMUNICATION MAY ALSO BE
CARRIED ON THROUGH CULTURAL ATTACHE OR THROUGH MR. WM.
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